

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Warner, will you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: I will be glad to if I can.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Warner, in the utilization of this list, is it clear that it will not be commercially used or sold?

SENATOR WARNER: To my knowledge...well, I can't honestly answer that, Senator Lewis, because I do not know that it is or isn't. I do know that the principal purposes would be twofold. One is to keep track of graduates for obvious reasons in the area of donations and that kind of contribution. The second obvious reason is that any kind of an effective survey of an operation of a school you need the ability to contact graduates two and three and five and ten years later to evaluate the teachings. So those were the two prime purposes. Whether or not as a matter of practice they do, I am unaware. Someone has indicated it is obviously public information and to the extent that anything that is public information, I suppose, someone could acquire on that basis. I am not aware that they sell it as such but I do not know.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I don't mind the approach of having accurate records on graduates for teacher evaluation, institutional evaluations, but if that is going to be used for any other purpose, particularly if it is going to be sold for solicitation of this, that and the other and the state is putting up the money to do that, I think that is a pretty obvious lack of responsibility on our part. So if it is agreeable with Senator Warner and Senator Savage, then I will support moving the bill back and vote for it and then I want to bring it back for another amendment, specifically forbidding the University from commercializing the list.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I fail to see the connection between keeping student records and the original intent of the appropriation. It seems to me this is not a logical use of the funds and so I would oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Savage, would you close on your motion to return.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The only closing that I have in answer to some of the comments that have been made previous to this is that if this money is not used for the purposes that it was set out to do, it will be returned to the general fund, and if we could use the money to update the list of alumni and possibly get some more funds into the University that we could use for many, many purposes, I think it would be appropriate to do that rather than have the money go back to the general fund. We are supporting the veterinarian program and also the optometry program, but if they don't use it for this purpose, I think this other purpose is a good use to put the money to and I urge you to adopt the resolution.